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The Easterner

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EWU student arrested in rape case

Convicted rapist on parole was a tutor at EWU; campus police aware of prior record, but bound to silence by law

Steve Grasser and Mike Ehrmantrout
Features Editor and News Editor

Last week Byron Scherf was just another fairly anonymous Eastern student and tutor.

Today, he sits in a Spokane County Jail cell after being accused of the rape of a Spokane real estate saleswoman.

What many in the EWU community are concerned about is that this is not the first brush Scherf has had with the law - or rape - and university police officials knew about his past but were forbidden by law to let the students, faculty and staff he was in daily contact with know about it.

Scherf, who has been an Eastern student since Jan. 1994, attended most of his classes on the Cheney campus. But, according to his parole officer, Stacy VanDermark, he also took a night class at the EWU Spokane Center. Ray Hamel, computer sciences chair, said Scherf worked as a tutor in his department for the past year or so.

The reason the campus-at-large wasn't privy to Scherf's past, according to EWU Director of Public Safety Ron Sperber, was his status as a "level-one" sexual offender. A level-one offender is deemed "least likely to re-offend," and, therefore, by state law, is entitled to privacy rights; only the police agency in jurisdiction in the offender's community is to be notified.

Had Scherf been classified a level-two offender — someone more likely to offend — people living in his area and any nearby schools (and in Scherf's case the school he was attending — Eastern) would have been contacted and warned.

If he had been labeled a level-three offender, notification would also have gone out via television and radio.

Scherf, 37, is currently on parole after serving 12 years of the life sentence he received for kidnapping, raping and setting on fire a Pierce County woman in 1981. In that case, Scherf drove the woman at knife point to a vacant house, raped her, tied her up, poured gasoline on her and set her on fire. She barely escaped with her life, jumping from a second-story window while still bound.

Prior to that, Scherf was convicted of another assault on a woman. In that incident, said Spokane County Sheriff Department Sergeant Ron Ethridge, the victim was also lucky to have survived an encounter with Scherf: "A guy stopped him (Scherf), kept the gal alive."

In his latest arrest, Scherf is alleged to be the man who set an appointment with a 36-year-old real estate agent to show him a house for sale near Paradise Road and U.S. Highway 395 last Friday afternoon.

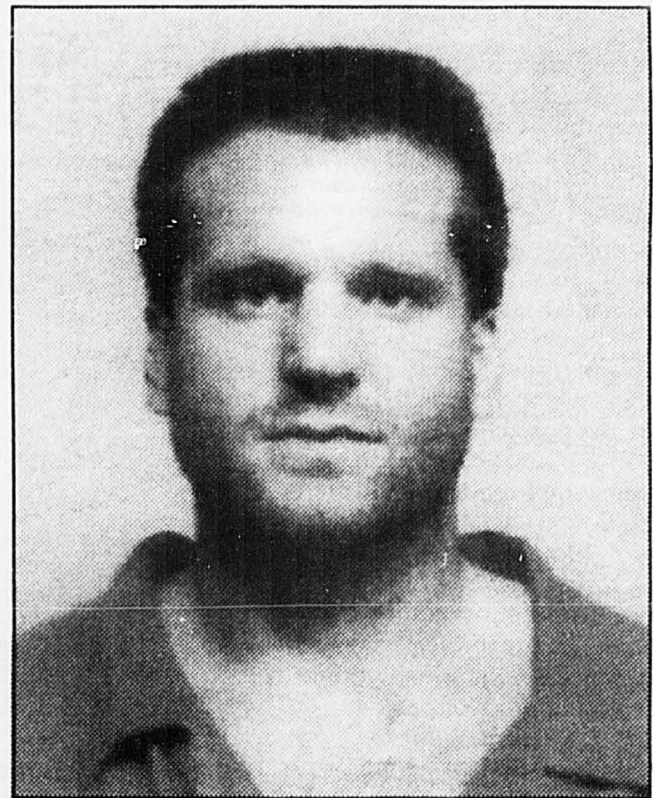
According to the "Spokesman-Review," after she showed the man the house, the woman said, he forced her to the kitchen, armed himself with a knife and held it to her as he accompanied her outside and stuffed her into his car's trunk.

After driving the victim to a secluded location where he allegedly raped her, the man drove her back to the house and released her. She then drove to a local hospital for examination and reported the rape.

Police had few leads in their investigation, until early Sunday morning. Then, according to Post Falls Police Sgt. Scott Haug, officers from his department responded to a complaint of a suspicious person at a local golf course.

Haug said the person, who he identified as Scherf, admitted to being under the influence of both PCP and LSD.

Scherf was so out of it, Haug said, that he couldn't



Byron Scherf

communicate any information to the officers, but he did point to a phone book in his car. Inside the book officers found a letter Scherf had written to his wife confessing to last Friday's rape. Police were especially interested in the details included in the confession, including the victim's name.

Haug said Scherf was very cooperative after his arrest, but that the suspect was seeing "writings on the wall" and making bizarre comments, mostly about computers. A typical comment, Haug said, ran on the

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Third Eastern student takes own life in less than a year

Mike Ehrmantrout
News Editor

Corey Major, 22, a senior EWU sociology student, was found dead on Oct. 1, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Major's death was ruled a suicide, according to the death certificate filed by Spokane County Coroner Dexter Amend.

According to Jenell Payne, a friend of Major, he was found at his parents'

home in Spokane. "He was such a good guy. He had a really good heart, a good sense of humor and he loved children," said Payne.

Many who knew Major are perplexed about his suicide. According to Payne, Major had a lot of ambition and was planning to marry his girlfriend.

Payne summed up the sentiments of Major's fellow students when she said, "22 is too young to be having a funeral."

Major was a member of the Central Park Athletic Club, where he lifted weights, according to Jeff Foss, the owner and manager of the club.

The news of Major's death shocked his fellow sociology students. Andrea Tiffany, president of the sociology club, said she wants to start some type of mentoring program for students in the sociology program.

Major's is the third Eastern student death attributed to suicide this year. In March, EWU football player Craig Steinmetzer shot himself in his Streeter hall dorm room. In April, freshman Tami Holmquist was found dead in her dorm room, the victim of a prescription drug overdose.

The Holmquist family has vehemently opposed Spokane County Coroner Dexter Amend's ruling of her death as a suicide, saying it is their belief the overdose was accidental.

ValaRay Irvin, the director of EWU's Counseling and Psychological Services, said it would be premature to draw any conclusions about why the suicides are happening or to make any comparisons. "It's always alarming when a suicide occurs," she said, but she added that there isn't enough information about the

latest death to accurately assess the situation.

Irvin's colleague at the center, Miriam Berkman, said the center gives presentations about suicide prevention at the request of departments on campus and also gives annual training to the resident advisers of EWU dorms. She indicated that there are currently no plans underway to widen the presentations to reach a larger part of the student population.

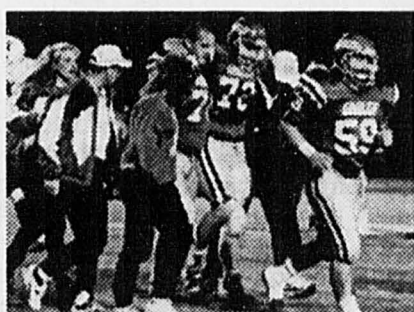
Berkman did meet Wednesday with sociology students at the request of Tiffany.

Dean of Students Matt Chase indicated Tuesday that he is concerned about the suicides. He said he plans to look into the possibility of taking some type of action to help further educate the student population about the problem.

According to a 1981 case study, the suicide rate for young adults age 15-24 tripled between 1950 and 1980. Suicide is now the third leading cause of death in this age group.

Another study by Texas Tech University reported that young adults who attend college have a 50 percent higher suicide rate than those who do not.

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Group protests proposed Medicare cuts

Tracy Palm
Staff Writer

Approximately 40 people gathered in front of the Federal building in downtown Spokane on Friday hoping to garner attention for their opposition to Republican-sponsored block grants and cuts in health care, which they say will hurt Washington more than any other state.

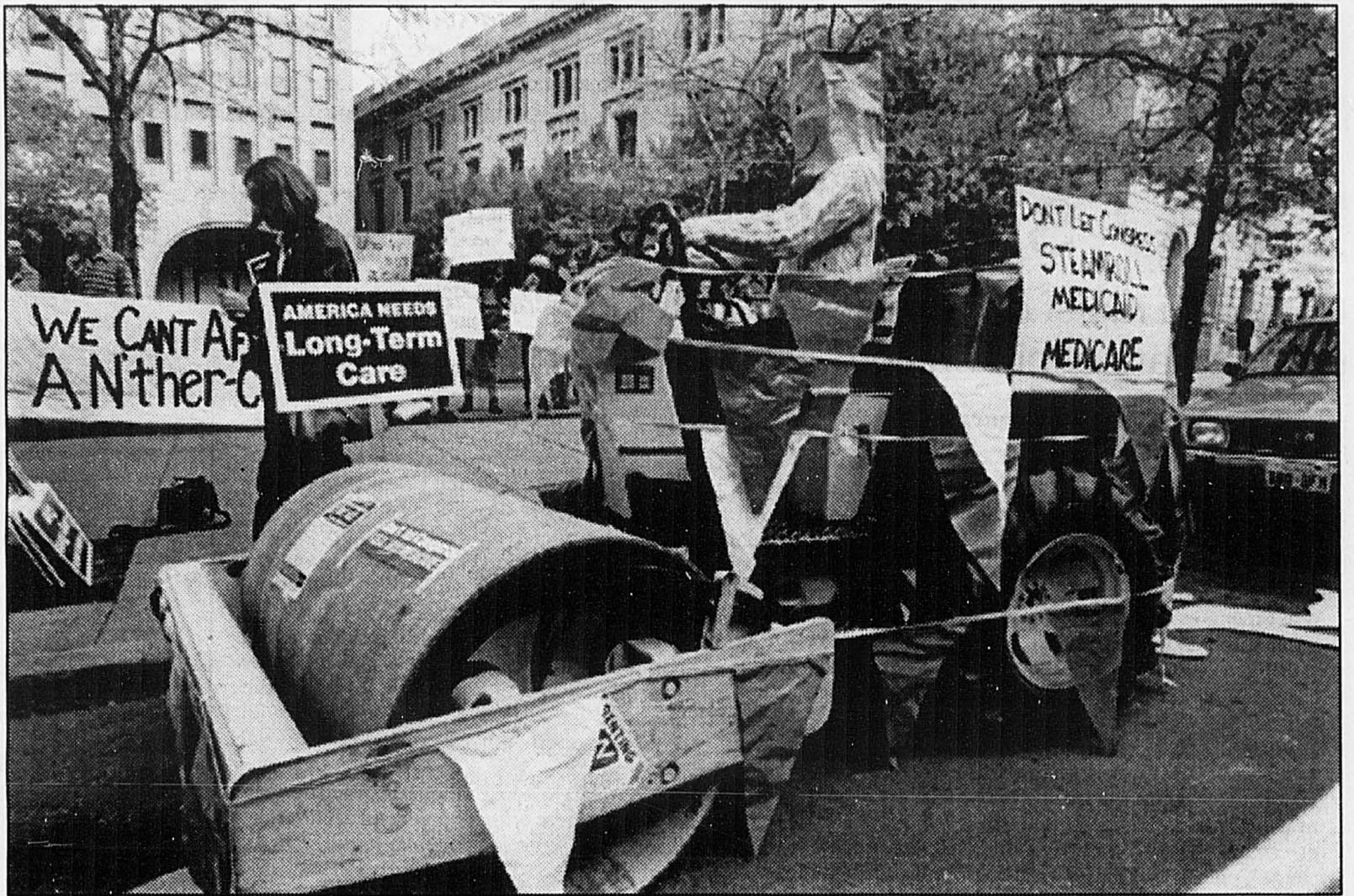
Demonstrators brought along a heavy-duty visual aid to illustrate their claim that Republicans are planning to "steamroll" over the needs of citizens. Cardboard cutouts shaped like people were placed in the path of a steamroller. A protestor then tried unsuccessfully to start the steamroller's engine. "Maybe it's an omen," said one bystander, and the crowd laughed, expressing their hope that the congressional "steamroller" threatening Medicare and Medicaid won't actually get rolling.

A group of students from Gonzaga University were also on hand to support the Republican plan and protest what they described as "fear-mongering." According to Gonzaga University College Republicans club president Shawn Griggs, the demonstrators "play on people's fears."

Meanwhile, a demonstrator wearing a paper bag that had "Newt" stenciled on one side and "Block-Grant Head" on the other sat on the steamroller.

Sarah Miller, an EWU sociology major, attended the rally. Miller said she was there "protesting cuts to Medicare that Nethercutt seems bent on making."

Morton Alexander, a board member of the Washington Citizens Alliance, said that this demonstration



Dennis Lunstroth

Protesters brought a steam roller with them to emphasize their opposition to proposed medicare cuts.

was in conjunction with other events held the day before around the state. The protest was held "to point out the nature of the Republican cuts, which are having a squashing and deflating effect on the people who need the support system," explained Alexander. He went on to state that approximately 30 people at the Seattle gathering the day before were arrested for civil disobedience.

The Spokane demonstration was planned as a prelude for another to be held later this month.

Washington State has a fairly comprehensive health-care program, and cuts would reverse inroads that have been made in getting health care to children and the uninsured, said Linda Stone of the Children's Alliance. "Block grants will cause us to lose more than any other state. We will be penalized for

going to managed care; for working to get more people insured." Stone maintains that even eliminating all optional health care devices, like wheelchairs, would save the state only \$100 million.

The projected cuts for the year 2000 are ten times that.

Phyllis Everest, of the Planning and Management Council on Aging and Long-Term Care, said that "with the growing number of people 85 and older,

increasing costs doesn't make sense." The organization has adopted a statement opposing the proposed cuts in Medicare and Medicaid.

The smallest protester was three-year-old Jordan Duplane who recently had his tonsils and adenoids removed. His health care costs were covered by Medicaid.

The demonstration was organized by the Washington Citizens Alliance.

Liberal Arts Enrichment tops Council agenda again

John Conway
Staff Writer

The Liberal Arts Enrichment program was the primary topic of discussion at the ASEWU Council meeting for the second week in a row.

Dr. Barbara Miller of the Art Department, and Dr. Mark Lester of the English Department addressed the Council and answered questions. The two professors are members of the steering committee that's developing and evaluating the curriculum for the new courses.

"We feel that we are doing what faculty are charged with doing, that is creating a curriculum that is high quality and current," said Miller. "We've received information from employers and alumni who have said to us 'you need to do more.'"

The Liberal Arts Enrichment Program "was conceived as a junior and senior year package

that would involve the students, native and transfer students, when they come on campus as juniors, for three consecutive quarters ... and then a one quarter senior capstone," Miller explained.

where issues could be raised that are broader," said Dr. Miller. "We're banking on the fact that participants would come from different areas, and the faculty that would teach them would be from different fields."

"The junior-year program and the senior-year capstone are going to cost you time and money, so you better make sure you're getting a value."

Providing an overview of the program, Dr. Miller shared her understanding of why the program should be offered as upper-level courses rather than being incorporated into Eastern's General University Requirements taken by freshmen and sophomores.

"We envisioned from the beginning that [the program] would be interdisciplinary...

"To achieve the kind of experiences we hope will happen, we are committed to not having the courses be lecture courses with lots of information just sort of spewed out from the professor ... there would be a time for discussion, reaction, speaking, writing, debating ... a real interactive kind of experience."

Dr. Lester shed some light on

why the university and many faculty members feel the Liberal Arts Enrichment Program should become part of Eastern's required curriculum.

"The junior-year program is an attempt to give you some of the characteristics of liberal arts education from a small private school," said Dr. Lester.

"We know they (EWU graduates) are at a disadvantage when they compete with students from the liberal arts colleges cause they haven't got the writing skills, communication skills, oral skills, critical thinking skills. They're well prepared in their profession, no one complains about that, but we hear from employer interviews, and we know statistically, it's these areas outside the technical knowledge in the major where students from comprehensive universities are lacking."

Dr. Lester echoed concerns of several council members that

adding these classes to those already required for a major would make it impossible for students to graduate in four years. "I could recommend that you think very seriously about putting heat on the university," said Lester. "A major together with the upper-division university graduation requirements ... should not exceed 90 credits, and getting them down to 85 (credits) would be better."

Though several areas of study are being re-evaluated and major course requirements restructured, it is not mandated that this process be completed before the Liberal Arts Enrichment Program is implemented.

Challenging council members to get involved in the process, Dr. Lester said, "The junior-year program and the senior-year capstone are going to cost you time and money, so you better make sure you're getting a value."

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order of "Back space two and change the font; then you can read it."

Members of the campus community are expressing shock and outrage that a person with Scherf's record has been in daily contact with them without their knowledge.

"They should have done a background check or something," said computer lab employee Valeri Moe. "It's already scary enough walking home alone."

Some police too are upset about Scherf's classification. "This guy without a doubt should have been registered as a level three," said Sgt. Ethridge. "But the ministers and psychiatrists call in, they say, 'He's found God; he's moved now; he's improving himself by getting an education; we think he's stable now.' All the professionals were in favor of letting him go."

However, Spokane Police Department Capt. Roger Bragdon, who is in charge of the unit that makes recommendations for classifications, in-

sisted that his department had no options — they had to classify Scherf as a level-one offender.

The problem, Bragdon said, was that due to a 1994 Washington Supreme Court ruling, there was no basis for classifying Scherf above level one.

According to Bragdon, in that case the court said that if an offender had served his time, information could be released to the public about him only if there was evidence that he "would be a future danger, that he would re-offend, or he was a threat to the community."

Bragdon said none of that could be proven: "His bio showed Scherf was the model prisoner, the ideal candidate for parole. He had a lot of people buffaloed; the doctors made absolute statements that he was not a risk to the community."

"My investigator is not stupid," Bragdon continued, referring to the investigator assigned to Scherf's case. "He thought Scherf was dangerous, but he couldn't recommend a higher classification. We put him un-

der investigation; we tried to find him dirty, we tried to do everything."

Bragdon said that Scherf was also a model parolee, and "He had no conditions of release except to check in weekly with his parole officer, which he did, and take regular lie detector tests, which he always passed."

"We said, 'Let's watch him, see what he does.' The investigator was begging for information to up it, but we couldn't get anything to make him higher in classification," said Bragdon.

Scherf's parole officer, Stacy VanDermark, said the Washington Department of Corrections recommended to police that Scherf be classified as a level-three offender. But she agreed with Bragdon that Scherf had been a model prisoner and parolee.

Irma Pena, EWU student health coordinator, summed up the feelings of many on campus. "Rehabilitation," she said, "Sometimes it doesn't work, as we can see now."

[Easterner staff members Rob Baldwin and Darla Hussey contributed to this report.]

Resources available for victims of sexual assault

Darla Hussey
Staff Writer

Think of the names of the four women you most admire. Perhaps your mom? Your grandma? Your doctor? Your favorite professor?

One of them has probably been a victim of rape.

It's true. According to Irma Peña, student health coordinator at EWU, for every four women, one becomes a rape victim. And one in ten men becomes a victim. However only about one in ten rapes committed is ever reported.

Add it up. If only one in ten rapes is reported, only one victim in ten gets help. Nine out of ten victims are trying to face their pain alone. It doesn't have to be that way. There are resources available, several of which are confidential if you wish.

Crisis lines provided by both EWU and the Rape Crisis Network are free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day. They can help recent or past victims, male or female. The people on the phones can be just a sympathetic ear or they can refer you to other helpful services, whichever you prefer. The number for EWU's crisis line is 359-2366. The number for the Rape Crisis Network is 624-7273.

Another resource available free to students is the C.A.R.E. (Creating A Rape Free Environment) program. This program gives victims a peer who will listen and provide any needed information. C.A.R.E. also provides rape victims with an advocate — someone who can help deal with any issues which may arise. They can accompany you to the hospital or to court, if needed.

You can get in contact with a C.A.R.E. advocate by calling 359-7273.

There are other types of help available. The Rape Crisis Network offers individual counseling with fees based on your ability to pay, and two free, for-women-only support groups. The emergency rooms at the local hospitals are also excellent places to get help. And remember, with the exception of the above women's support group, services are available for victims of either sex.

It's not critical how you ask for help, just that you ask. If you don't feel comfortable talking to a stranger, have a friend call for you. You can even call and pretend you're getting help for a friend. Whatever. It is critical that you get help, and that the attacker be identified.

Particularly if you know your attacker, you may feel that you don't want to get them in trouble. Consider this though: the Byron Scherf incident proves that rapists repeat their crimes. Sergeant Ron Ethridge at the Spokane County Sheriff's department reported that 98% of sex offenders apprehended are brought to justice only because the victim provided their identity or they got caught in the act.

You didn't have any choice about getting raped, but you can choose to keep it from happening to someone else.

It's never too late to get help. Whether you were attacked last week or ten years ago, you deserve assistance. It may be hard to ask for help, but it is harder to suffer alone. All it takes is one phone call.

How safe are we from sex predators?

Steve Grasser
Features Editor

Byron Scherf is in no position to hurt anyone at the moment; he's incarcerated in the Spokane County Jail.

And, according to Spokane Police Captain Roger Bragdon, he won't be getting out anytime soon if county prosecutors have their way. Bragdon says they are planning on invoking Washington's "Three Strikes and You're Out" law, and if Scherf is convicted, under its provisions, he will receive a life sentence with no chance for parole.

But area law enforcement officers say there are still plenty of registered sexual predators on our streets to be concerned about.

Bragdon estimates that there are 1600 registered offenders in Spokane County, about 700 of whom live inside Spokane city limits.

As if that isn't enough to worry about, Spokane County Sheriff Department Sergeant Ron Ethridge says that there is a plethora of sex offenders who aren't registered.

"98 percent of these kind of convictions come because the offenders confessed," he said, adding that if a complaint wasn't filed by a victim who is able to positively identify the offender, or unless the perpetrator isn't caught in the act, very few are caught.

"There are a bucketful of predators around," Ethridge warns. "You always have to be cautious. It's not just Eastern that has predators; it happens at SCC and other places too. Known 'mentals' wander the halls, and everybody is afraid to confront them. You always have to be on your toes."

According to Cheney Police Detective Sergeant Lopes, there are eight registered sex offenders within Cheney city limits of, all classified as level one.

But, Lopes cautions, there could be others who have moved here and, for whatever reason, failed to register. For instance, he says, a student could move to Cheney from Seattle, fail to register, and no one would be the wiser.

Also, individual police departments don't have listings of offenders registered by other departments. Lopes said that Scherf was not on the Cheney Police list. EWU director of safety Ron Sperber said Scherf is the only offender currently listed at Eastern.

Sgt. Ethridge also warns that sex predators don't wear a tattoo advertising the fact.

"Like Ted Bundy," he said, "these people, when you talk to them, say what they think you want to hear, and they're often very intelligent. They will also often purposefully leave little clues at the scene of the crime."

Ethridge said he was sending out teletypes to other local police agencies to see if they had any cases with characteristics similar to Scherf's.

Perceptions held by people on campus about Scherf differed greatly, as if to underscore Ethridge's point about people who tell other people what they want to hear.

While Computer Science Chair Ray Hamel said Scherf appeared to be "a regular guy," others weren't so sure.

History major Rob Baldwin said he took two accounting classes with Scherf.

"Scherf made it pretty clear to all of us in class that he didn't think too much of women. He referred to his wife as either 'the wife,' or 'the woman.' When a female student said she didn't like the way he referred to his wife as a non-person, he said flatly, 'that's all she is.'"

"He treated the female students like they didn't belong in college, and he definitely seemed to feel he was superior to everyone else."

"But," Baldwin said, "he seemed to have very traditional values, so I was surprised that he would ever be violent to a woman. I guess it just goes to show you never can tell."

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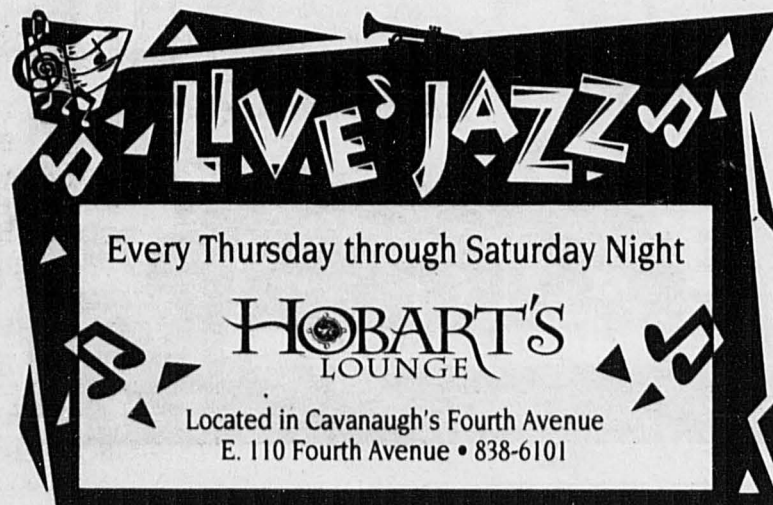
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Students threaten to boycott Baldy's

Mike Ehrmantrout
News Editor

High prices and cold food brought a group of determined students together Monday at Dressler Hall to begin organizing a boycott of Eastern's primary food service facility, Baldy's.

Resident advisers from Pearce and Dressler Halls decided to circulate a petition in the dorms calling for the boycott, which they agreed will take place from Oct. 23 to Oct. 27. During that week, the students decided, boycott participants will not eat the dinner meal at Baldy's.

The petition, which outlines 20 complaints the students have regarding Baldy's, reads in part: "The purpose of this boycott is to let the voices of Eastern Washington University's students be heard. ... We, the undersigned, feel that it is necessary not to patronize Baldy's until our opinions are recognized by the proper management and seriously considered ... Our intent is to be recognized, as a group, by the people who are being paid, by us, to serve us."

The boycott organizers, Laura Toussaint and Dean Dunham from Dressler Hall, and Walt Stons from Pearce Hall, said the boycott is necessary because they've voiced their concerns about Baldy's in the past but

have yet to see any changes.

"One of the main problems with Baldy's is that it's a monopoly," Toussaint said. "There's no incentive for them to work with us because it's a monopoly."

Dunham agreed with Toussaint adding that the prices at Baldy's are one of his chief complaints. "Cost is a major problem," Dunham said. "It's usually \$8 minimum for a meal and I'm not getting \$8 worth of food." Dunham said he's had to cut salad almost completely from his diet because the prices are too high.

The quality of the food served at Baldy's is another complaint of the students, who agreed that food is frequently served there which is cold or has been sitting out too long.

Administrators at the council meeting, who had learned of the proposed boycott, suggested that the students meet at Baldy's on Wednesday with a list of their concerns.

EWU Director of Auxiliary Services Curt Huff said he will attend the meeting and listen to the students' concerns. Huff said he had received a copy of the students' complaints. "The ones I'm most concerned about are the quality of the food and the consistency of services," Huff said. He added that he will also evaluate the prices at Baldy's.

Briefly

Eastern sets record for summer session

A record number of students attended EWU's summer session and the number of credit hours taken represented an all-time high.

Eastern's vice provost, Robert Herold, reported the figures to EWU's Board of Trustees at its meeting Sept. 22.

Herold said 3,165 students enrolled for summer classes, for a total of 26,124 credit hours. This is the first time credit hours have exceeded 26,000, Herold reported.

Proposed layoffs still under negotiation

The proposed layoff of three classified staff members is still under negotiation by the Joint Labor Management Committee. Samantha Hopf, a member of the committee, said the classified staff bargaining unit has until Oct. 17 to submit a counter-proposal to the administration. Hopf added that the Oct. 17 date can be extended if both sides agree to extend it.

Tom McArthur, a member of the classified staff vehemently opposed to the proposed layoffs, said he and some other workers are considering picketing at the homecoming festivities to protest. The decision hinges on the outcome of the Oct. 17 meeting. "We're keeping all of our options open," said McArthur.

Studios to be provided for art students

Last Thursday, *The Easterner* reported that administrators had decided to evict three art students from their studios in Monroe Hall without providing them with an alternate site.

Colbie Edwards, one of the affected art students, said that the dean of letters, arts, and social sciences told the students Friday that space in the basement of Hargreaves Hall would be provided for them to continue their course work.

Red Barn Reports

Tony Bruner
Staff Writer

10-3-95:
2:26 p.m. - Theft

A truck was burglarized while parked in Lot P16. The caller reported it had been broken into between 2:30 and 2:00 p.m. A CD player, amplifier and subwoofer worth \$610 were taken.

10-3-95:
4:13 p.m. - Theft
A second vehicle was burglarized in Lot P16.

10-6-95:
1:41 - Altercation/Injury

A woman in Isle Hall was swept into an altercation between a white male and an Hispanic male at approximately 10:00 a.m. The woman's arm was broken during the fight. One of the males involved called for a police officer.

10-8-95:
5:27 - Possession of a Controlled Substance
Two female Dressler Hall residents were arrested for possession of marijuana. Residents reported an odor in the area to police.

HOMECOMING ROYALTY CONTEST



OCTOBER 20, 1995

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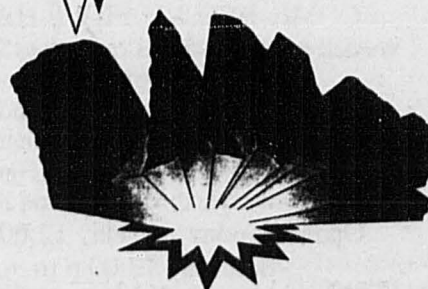
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY

- Thru Oct. 20: Substance Abuse Awareness Week
- 11:00am Turntable Bay plays in the old PUB MPR
- 12pm H.O.M.E. & Wahington Women United host speaker Janet Stevenson, PUB 302
- 12pm Values Clarification PUB "How do your personal values determine your behavior and choices in regard to school, PUB 311
- 1-2pm Homecoming Fashion Show in the PUB

HOMECOMING WEEK STARTS

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THURSDAY

- 1&8pm Movie: The Net at Showalter Auditorium \$1.50
- 6:30pm Hayride & Bonfire. Meet at Baptist Student Ministry Center. Call 325-0779 for more info.
- 7pm Volley Ball, Montana State at Reese Court
- Equinox is now showing student art work by Michael Smith

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FRIDAY

- EWU Invitational Cross Country Meet at the Finch Arboretum, Womens starts at 10am, Mens starts at 11am
- 12pm Beta Theta Pi is sponsoring a charity football run at Woodward Stadium
- 7pm Volleyball, Montana at Reese Court
- 10pm Fall Comedy Concert with Rob Brackenridge & Michael Mancini at Showalter Auditorium, \$3.

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SATURDAY

- Tonasket Barter Fair all weekend. Arts & crafts fair with live music from The Planetary Refugees
- 7pm Chiefs Play Kamloops at the Spokane Arena. tickets \$6 - \$12
- 8pm Elvin Bishop at Beasley
- 8pm Movie: The Net at Showalter Auditorium, \$1.50
- 9pm Limbo Ladds, Washaway World and Oil Filters at The Big Dipper.

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MONDAY

- Indulgence Day: Make-overs, Hair Wraps, Piercing, Tattoos, Massage & More, PUB
- Clubs & Organizations Fair in the Central Mall, old PUB
- 12pm Women and Alcohol, Dr Diane Davis Womens Center, Monroe 114
- 3pm ASEWU Council Meeting, PUB 323
- 7pm Volleyball, Gonzaga at Reese Court
- 9pm Residential Lip Sync & Kartaoke Night old PUB MPR

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TUESDAY

- 12pm Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Annette Wilkinson at the Womens Center Monroe
- 4-6pm Meet the Homecoming Royalty Candidates, Sports Center.
- 7:30pm Hanford Site Historian, Dr. Michele Gerber, to speak at Cheney Cowles Museum
- 9-11pm Roadside Prophets play at the PUB (free)
- 10pm Eagle Egg Hunt, Find the special eggs and win concert tickets and other great prizes. Meet at the old PUB MPR

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WEDNESDAY

- 12pm Breathing life into ourselves. Sisters surviving Abusive Experiences. Womens Studies Center Speaker Dr. Vala Ray Irvin, Monroe Hall 114
- 6:30pm Spotlight Homecoming Parade, bring your flashlights, 1st Street
- 7:30pm Bed Races & Eagle Pep Rally, 1st Street
- 9pm-Midnight Homecoming Street Dance, Downtown Cheney

Eagle Voices:

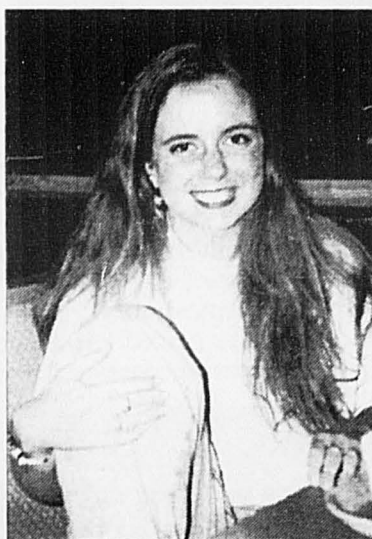
"What could be done to protect Eastern students from Known Sexual Offenders?"



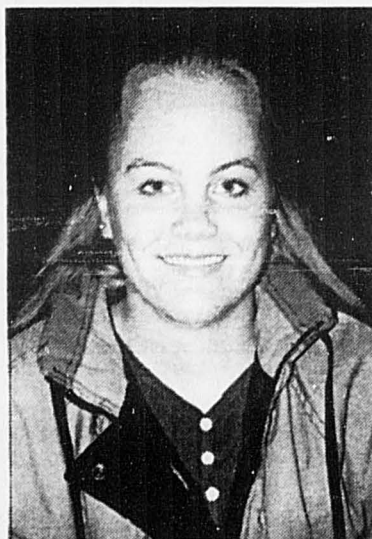
Stephanie Tu
"I think that if there are sexual predators they should register in school, they should not let them on campus."



Mike Russel
"People should be notified of this, and they shouldn't be allowed to be in school."



Stephanie Pams
"They should do a background check on tutors because you meet personally with them."



Tiamna Bumgarner
"I don't feel safe at all; if you want to go somewhere you have to find someone to go with you."



Jennifer Brown
"I think that if he was on campus students should have been notified."



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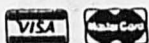
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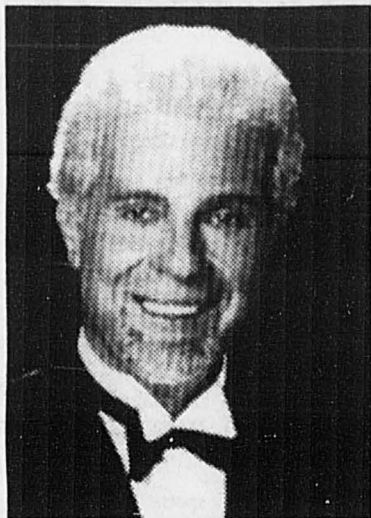
Peter Who?

Chris Taylor
Entertainment Writer

This Friday, October 6, the Spokane Symphony will be presenting a spectacular pianist and conductor. Peter Nero is bringing his fantastically unique music to the Opera House. "And just who is Peter Nero?" He's only one of the greatest musicians out there today!

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In addition to being a virtuoso pianist Nero has a very impressive resume as a symphony conductor, composer, and arranger. He is the Music Director and Conductor



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of "Peter Nero and the Philly Pops", "Pops Music Director of the Florida Philharmonic," and "Pops Music Director and Advisor for the Tulsa Philharmonic". Also under his belt are two Grammys and ten Grammy nominations, three CDs, 23 albums, and the million-selling single and gold album, *Summer of '42*.

The New York Post has called Nero "A master," describing one of his concerts as "an evening to be savored!" *Cashbox Magazine* called him "the world's Number One instrumentalist."



Jason Graham
Movie Correspondent

Starring: Stephen Baldwin, Kevin Pollak, Gabriel Byrne and Kevin Spacey
Playing at Newport Cinemas

I got up at the end of this movie only to buy another ticket to the very next showing. "The Usual Suspects" is simply the most intriguing and gripping movie that I have seen in months. It has been in theaters for several weeks now, and I feel compelled to advise you to see it on the silver screen.

Screenwriter Christopher McQuarrie develops his story perfectly in this heist film. The sophomore directorial effort of Bryan Singer, "The Usual Suspects" unfolds like a fairy tale complete with a boogie man. Despite the fact that the story is told as a series of vivid flashbacks, the movie is not hard to follow.

The story commences as five expert criminals are arrested on suspicion of robbery and are placed in a

line-up. After being harassed by the police for several hours, they are released. Shortly after, they band together to pull off a couple of capers, but soon become aware that they are being manipulated by a mythical crime lord. Trapped, they agree to pull off one high-risk, high-profit caper in exchange for their freedom from his control. Good planning, execution, and double-crosses complicate the situation. The conclusion, however, steals the show.

It is not just the haunting story alone that contributes to this movie's excellence. Sparkling performances turned in by the smaller stars elevated this movie to greatness. Baldwin stands out as the loose cannon, McManus, while Byrne shines as the cold and calculating Dean Keaton. The best performance, however, was given by Kevin Spacey who plays the loquacious cripple, "Verbal" Kent.

The story pulls out all the stops and drags you along

with it. What really makes this movie stand out is its persistence in telling a story without relying on gratuitous sex or other predictable movie elements. Instead it brings you refreshing "new" ingredients: story elements! This movie has a complex plot, colorful characters, an antagonist, a climax and gripping irony. It is with these powerful tools that "The Usual Suspects" weaves its spell. Go see it, and catch the magic.



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The Foremen
"Folk Heroes"
Reprise Records

Steven Grasser
Features Editor

Start with a Kingston Trio base, add a healthy dose of National Public Radio's Capitol Steps, blend in a little Pete Seger and a touch of Randy Newman, mix well, and *voila*, you've got the Foremen.

In their debut album, the quartet is only too happy to lampoon everything and everybody, from the folk music idiom they utilize to what head Foreman Roy Zimmerman calls "... some of the funnier elements of our culture; greed, racism, militarism, the Republican ascendancy, Oliver North, masturbation, etc."

While the Foremen will never have the impact on music or society as "that other Zimmerman" (Bob Zimmerman), they are very, very funny.

The first cut on their self-

titled debut CD, a one minute, plus opus called "No Shoes," sets the tone for the Foremen's irreverent, no-holds-barred survey of the '90s:

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It sure was nice when this guy had an easy name. In those days, when you talked

about him, you didn't need a six word title. For our purposes, then, *The Artist Formally Known As Prince* will heretofore be referred to as "Herman."

Herman's done himself proud on his *The Gold Experience*. Herman is, if nothing else, a gifted song writer, and he's kept a certain degree of integrity throughout his career. He has even delved into movies, although with mixed results.

The Gold Experience plays like an internet experience. At intervals, an operator comes on, telling you what you've accessed, and what to expect. Herman and his *New Power Generation* run through the entire musical spectrum, hitting equally hard on the R&B tunes and standard Herman-style funk.

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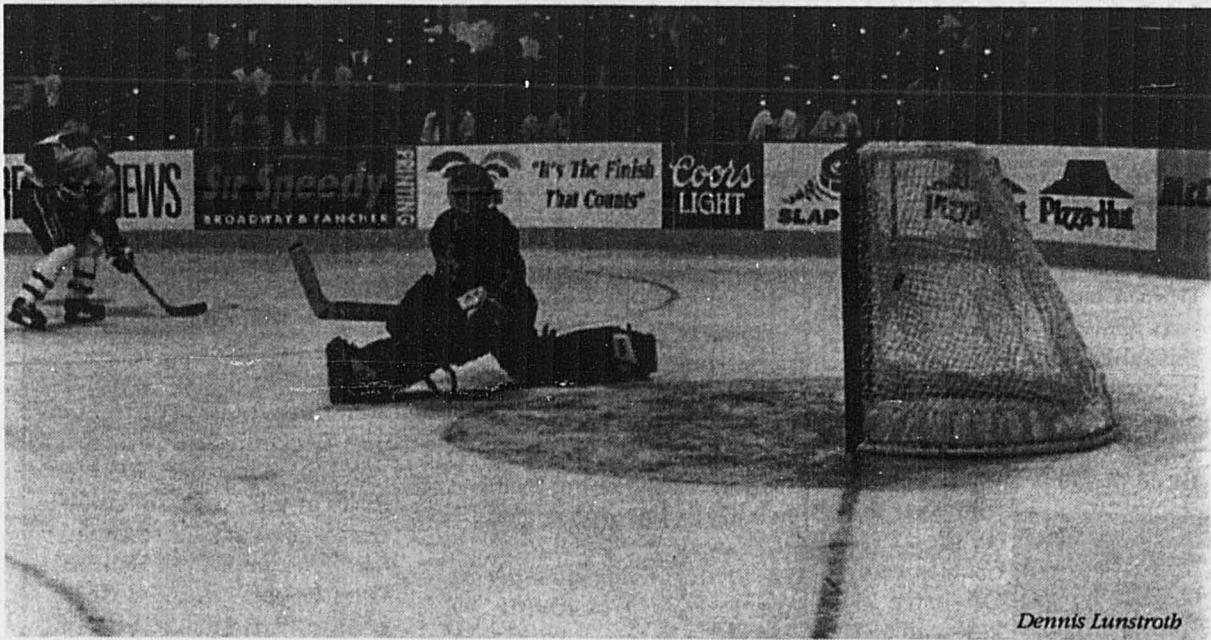
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Chiefs ready to rumble



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Jon Dixon
Sports Hero

The Spokane Chiefs vaulted into first place in the Western Division Monday as they beat Kamloops 4-3, improving their record to 5-1. Highlighting the victory was the return of forward Jason Podollan. Podollan, cut by the Tampa Bay Lightning last week, scored one goal in his first game back for Spokane.

The Chiefs, doing well without Podollan, will certainly gain a lot from having him back. Last season

Podollan led the Chiefs in five offensive categories: goals (43), assists (41), points (84), game-winning goals (5) and short-handed goals (4).

David Lemanowicz had another solid game in goal, stopping 34 of 37 shots. Lemanowicz is yet to suffer a defeat this season.

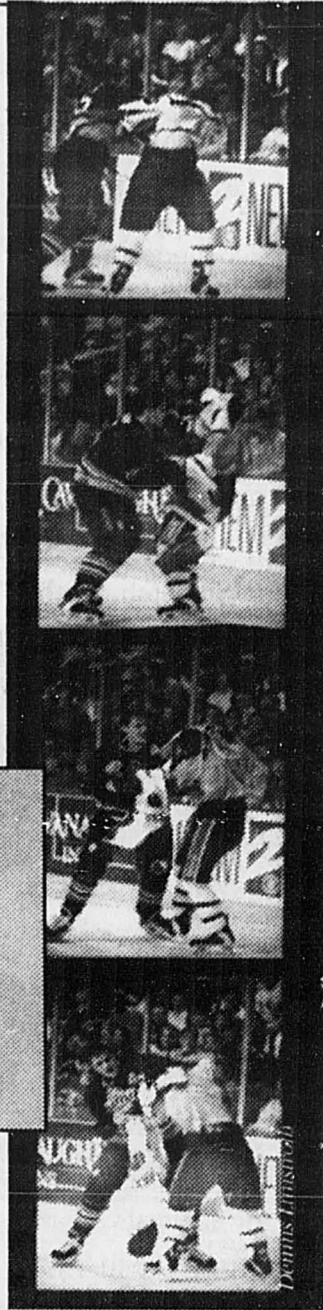
Spokane, very strong at killing penalties this year, did give up two power play goals while racking up 22 penalty minutes.

Upcoming games:

Saturday, Oct. 14
*Kamloops Blazers
Wednesday, Oct. 18
*Portland Winter Hawks
Friday, Oct. 20
Seattle Thunderbirds
Saturday, Oct. 21

*Indicates home game

Right:
Chief welcomes Kamloop
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Zany Refugees left showless

Paul Higmund
Entertainment Writer

Last Saturday at Cheney's Sutton Park, a large crowd turned out to see The Planetary Refugees. They were let down.

The event, which was originally organized as a free picnic, apparently failed to generate an adequate favorable response before Saturday. Organizers called off the performance due both to that lack of response and the lack of a city noise permit.

"We had our PAs, we were ready to rock Cheney. It's really nobody's fault, it's just disappointing," said keyboardist Jeff Schmidt. "Refugees live in three different counties, but we love to play so we're willing to do the show for gas money, or even for free. We found out we weren't playing on Thursday night, just two days before the show."

But all in all, the band took the cancellation well.

Refugee Bassist Dave "Bopa" Held had created a statue of Guitarist Kim for the park performance.

"I chose a salt lick because it's easier to carve," said Bopa kiddingly. "I plan on calling it 'The Kim of Liberty.'"

Then Bopa licked the statue's forehead.

"Kinda tastes salty," he said grinning. "But not at all like Freedom Dave."

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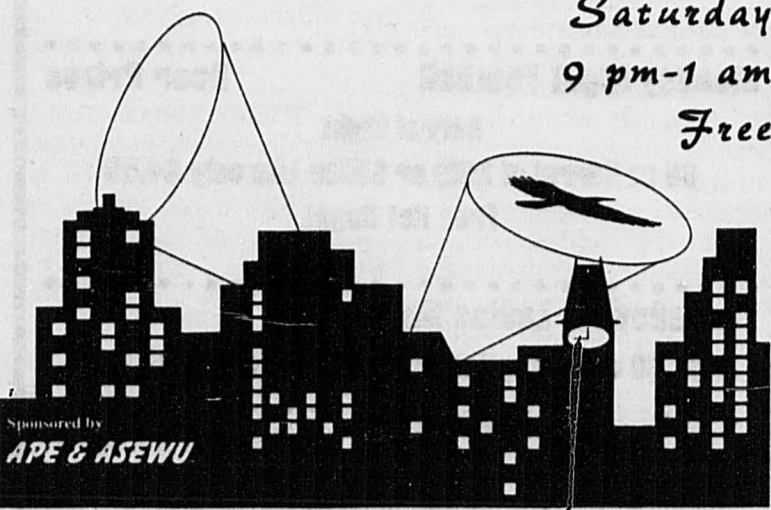
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Eastern defensive in loss

Dan Garcia
Sports Writer

The Eastern Eagles need to regroup and gather in preparation for this weekend's contest against the Vandals in Moscow, Idaho. Eastern is reeling from their third straight loss, this one coming last Saturday at the hands of the undefeated Idaho State Bengals at Woodward Field.

Eastern played tough against the Bengals, but couldn't

score against the ISU defense, and ended up losing 14-7. The defensive adjustments that EWU wanted to make during the week's practice seemed to take effect as Eastern held the ISU offense in

check for much of the game. Eastern suffered offensive setbacks, but sophomore Quarterback Harry Leons, seeing his first action as the Eagle signal caller, tied a school record by throwing five interceptions.

Joe Sewell had another good game accounting for 92 of Eastern's 216 yards of total offense. Sewell rushed for 83 yds, and received for nine. He also scored the lone Eastern touchdown on a five-yard run in the second quarter.

Coach Kramer commented,

"We're like a yo-yo. Defensively I was happy with the way we rebounded from Weber State. But one week the offense does well and the defense doesn't play well, and the next week it goes the other way." Hopefully, both sides of the ball will be on for the Eagles as they face Idaho this weekend.

A slew of injuries in the last couple of weeks has destroyed Eagle depth. Fresh-

injury. Starting Split End Jeff Ogden was injured two weeks ago and still doesn't know when he will be able to return. Terry Cloer is gone for the season because of a neck/back injury. Safety Doug Dorton has missed the last two games and will probably miss this week's game because of a back injury. Some good news for the Eagles will be the return of three players: Tight End Scott

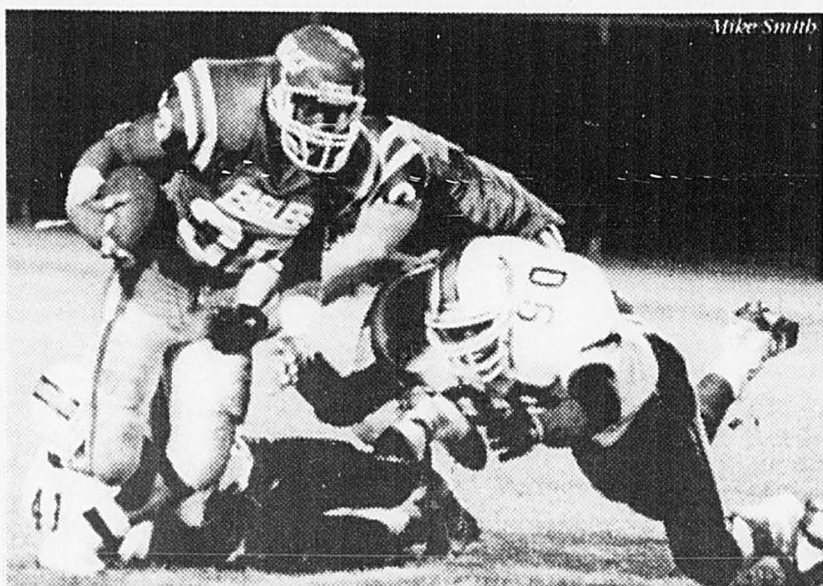
Johnson (broken collarbone), Offensive Lineman Ken Henningsen (knee), and Defensive Lineman Ed Harris (ankle).

Eastern will travel to Moscow this Saturday to take on the Vandals at 3:05. Both teams are looking for their first win in the Big

Sky. Idaho was beaten by ISU and by Northern Arizona. Idaho won the last three meetings with the Eagles by an average score of 42-15.

The last Eastern victory over Idaho was in 1991 at Moscow in a double overtime affair, 34-31. Four out of the next five opponents of the Eagles are ranked in the Div-IAA Top 25. In scheduling order, they are: Idaho (24th), Northern Arizona (18th), Montana State (unranked), Boise State (19th), and Montana (5th). If EWU is going to turn their season around, they're going to do it against some tough teams and a tough schedule.

This weekend's game will also be the last meeting between EWU and the U of I in Big Sky Conference play. Idaho will leave the Big Sky and join the Big West Conference next year.



Joe Sewell (30) rushed for 92 yards.

man Offensive Guard T.J. Ackerman suffered a knee injury against ISU in the first half that will likely end his season. Wide Receiver Jerrold Jackson will also be out for the next 2-3 weeks due to his second concussion in as many weeks. After Thursday's practice, Jackson was cleared to play against ISU on Friday. Lo and behold, Jackson suffered another concussion within 24 hours.

Injuries have taken a toll on the Eagle roster with five Eagles missing PT due to

Eagles lay two eggs on road

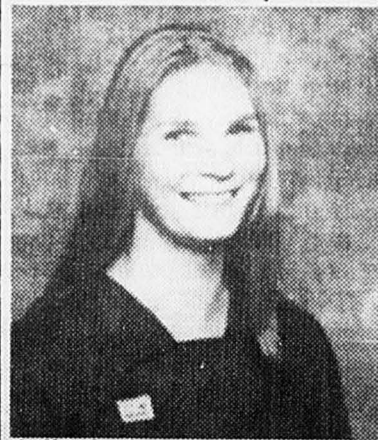
Annette Griffus
Sports Writer

The EWU Eagles Volleyball team couldn't soar past their Big Sky opponents last week. EWU visited the Weber State Wildcats Friday in Ogden, Utah, losing in three matches 15-4, 15-11, 15-6.

Thursday, the Eagles traveled to Flagstaff, Arizona, and lost to the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks 15-9, 15-10, 9-15, 16-14, 15-9.

As of October 10, Eastern has failed to pick up a win in Big Sky play and are 3-13 in non-conference games.

"They're not an 0-5 team," stated head coach Pam Parks. "I feel like their ready to



Julie Carlson

break through [and win]," she said.

Against Weber State at Dee Events Center, junior setter Jaime Dotson led the Eagles in assists (21) and notched six digs. Senior outside hitter Stephanie McCall had 12 digs against WSU (3-3, 12-5).

Junior middle blocker Julie Carlson had nine kills, while senior middle blocker Kellie Claus plugged in eight kills, and four blocks for EWU.

At Rolle Activity Center in Flagstaff, the Eagles took a 2-0 set lead against NAU (4-1, 8-5) in front of a crowd of 923, before falling in five

matches.

"We had the momentum [against NAU]," Parks said. She believes that the momentum changed when outside hitter Lynn Robison came down on her ankle and had to leave the game.

EWU is already depleted at the outside hitter position with Angela Frederick out with an ankle injury suffered during practice.

However, Parks believes Frederick could possibly play this weekend.

Junior Katrina Carlson led EWU in kills with 18 against the Lumberjacks. Freshman Kim Exner and sophomore Lynn Robison were close behind with 15 and 14 kills, respectively, before Robison had to leave the game.



Jamie Dotson

Stephanie McCall tallied 12 kills and led the Eagles in digs with 13.

Jaime Dotson finished with 45 assists and seven digs. Robison did notch eight digs, while Dotson had seven on the night.

The Eagles' morale is still very good, according to Parks. She believes the team can pick up four or five victories this month. "I really feel we're going to get some wins," she said.

EWU plays host to rivals Montana State on Friday and Montana on Saturday at Reese Court. Both games are scheduled for a 7:00 p.m. start. Parks rarely needs to get the team psyched to play against MSU and Montana because these matches are such heated rivalries.

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Dan Garcia
Sports Writer

Intramurals are in full swing this fall with some hot action on the field and on the court. Footballs are flying and so are several teams in the early lineup. In the "A" league, the Beta's, Air Raid, the Runnin' Raiders, and the Snakes are all off to a fast start. In the "B" league, the Sig Eps and Jock Itch are atop the league at 2-0.

Jen Hamilton

There have been some great games in both leagues, with action heating up as top teams tango to be top dog.

The volleyball leagues are going fast and furious. In the "A" league, DA Shiznit is off to a 2-0 start as are Pripps III. An Da Le and Below The Net are close behind. In "B" league for the Mon/Wed league, three teams are at the top. They are

AU AP's Best, Shaka Bra, and In the Net. The other "B" league has two undefeated teams on top. Dig This and The Players have yet to be beat, but there are a lot of teams gunning for them.

Soccer action is kickin'. Co-ed teams are chasing the Ewoks



and Cachones Grande who are atop the standings at 2-0. The men's teams are trying to catch the Numb Nuts, Sigma Nu, and Sharis II.

Come out to the IM fields or up to the Phase to watch your favorite athlete or team participate and compete for those championship shirts.

One man's dream...

David C. Edwards
Sports Writer

Boy I'm tired! Not from studying, partying, or even traveling. I am exhausted from the emotional roller coaster I was subjected to at the Kingdome during the last four Mariner play-off games. But stressful as they were, these few games were a dream come true, not only for me, but for all those that have suffered eighteen years of frustration.

Superstitious? Oh yeah. Before every game I would have an order of *pachos grandes* (hold the jalapenos, please) and a King beer, and sit in the same seat on the first base side, third deck (they were great seats). I wouldn't wear any Mariners gear, since the last time I did they lost.

I'm sure those of you who saw the game would agree that Sunday's game was by far the most emotional of the weekend three. It was even more special for me since through serendipity my father was able to come to the game as well (the family that was sitting next to me Saturday night couldn't make the game and they were kind enough to sell me their tickets for face value).

For every pitch there was a collective prayer for a strike. On every two-strike pitch we were for our feet hoping for a strikeout. Every Mariner hitter got a standing ovation before batting. I clapped so much over the weekend that I had blisters on my hands after Sunday's game. But the biggest ovation was after the game. It was for "the voice of the Mariners" since the ball club's inception, radio announcer Dave Neihaus, when they put his picture on the huge television in left field.

When the Yankees scored in the top of the eleventh the crowd of 57,144 became stone silent. I turned around to the people sitting behind me and said, "It's not over yet babe! We still got 'Little' Joey, Junior and the Edgar coming up!" Then when Edgar hit that ball down the left field line I lost my mind, a friend next to me lost his beer on the person in front of him and the real celebration began. Fans were high-fiving, crying, hugging and screaming at the top of their lungs. You couldn't even hear the celebratory music playing over the public address system. When my father and I were walking back to the car we even saw people popping champagne corks.

I flew back to Seattle Tuesday afternoon for game one of the American Championship Series against the Cleveland Indians.

When I found out that the M's were starting 22 year-old rookie right-hander, Bob Wolcott, I felt we had a better than average chance at winning the game. And just like the Energizer Bunny, the M's kept on going, and going, and going ... "My, oh my!" What a week of baseball in the Emerald City.

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Whose welfare are we reforming?

Sarah A. Miller/For the Editorial Board



GOP reform gags granny

But what about the rest of us?
So much for family values.

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From the right

Brendon Hill
Columnist

Does God exist? Hmm... This should be easy to solve with a coin toss. Heads! Niners get the kick-off and God gets the nod. That just saved my wallet one year of tuition for philosophy classes and I still have my quarter. If only life could be this simple! But wait, what if it were tails and God didn't get the nod? Niners have to kick and God doesn't exist. Is this question simple enough to be determined by a coin toss?

Every person on earth has the same coin toss dilemma at least once in life. And each time we decide to exercise a certain amount of faith in which side of the coin will be facing up (like right before we put the key in the ignition).

Is God's existence an important question? Yes, because it is from this presupposition that we choose direction in our philosophies of life.

For example, if an I.R.S. official was considering a 7-year audit of your finances in the year 2002 and the decision to audit or not to audit was a coin toss, what would you do? Considering the odds I would prepare my finances and adjust how I do my books in anticipation of the upcoming audit. Who wouldn't? I would exercise my faith that the unknown existed and it existed in the form of an

audit. Now apply this concept to our coin toss. Whoa! I think that changes the picture just a little bit.

Therefore, if I believe in the existence of God my personal philosophies reflect this presupposition. Am I receptive to possible evidence of God? Yes! But if I don't believe there is a God how could I recognize such evidence, physical or metaphysical, unless I'm inclined to look for it? By accepting the possibility of God's existence being a 50/50 split, we become more receptive to possible evidence. Conversely, to completely reject the possibility of God's existence is to become closed-minded. It is quite ironic that those being called closed-minded today (conservative Christians) are being called so by those who are themselves closed to certain possibilities.

My whole line of reasoning is that belief or disbelief in God sets our philosophical compasses. This concept brings up new questions: How can someone searching for answers and truth come to a conclusion without becoming close-minded, and do the conclusions we make effect our morals and behavior?

My hope is that those who find apologetics and philosophy discourse important and interesting will respond.

Letters to the editor

To all Baldy's "customers":

Recently I was approached about a meeting in my residence hall. The topic was the quality of the food at Baldy's. I was asked to sign a petition and to attend hall potluck-type meals in an attempt to boycott Baldy's. But will this really work?

Last year our ASEWU president asked the students of this campus to attend a "March on Showalter." Not only did very few students show up; the administration did not even see fit to send the president, Marshall Drummond, to talk to us. Instead we got some guy of whom I'd never heard, and from whom no one has heard since. We blew off some steam, but other than that we got nothing accomplished.

If the school didn't care about an organized statewide protest, why would they care about this boycott? Not only is the school state-funded, most students live off-campus. I don't know about you, but I've never seen anyone drive all the way here from Spokane just to eat at Baldy's. I'm not a business major, but those two points lead me to believe that the revenue provided by Baldy's is insignificant in the overall financial structure of the school. I certainly don't think Baldy's is paying for all the renovation around school, do you?

I'm not saying I like the crap they serve; I'm just saying we're going about it all wrong. We need to put the university in such a position that it will have no choice but to listen. But it will be a waste of time to do that without providing them an answer.

One way would be for someone to find a food service alternative - better quality at a comparable price. Yes, the university is going to go with the lowest bidder, but a state university account would be something that most food service companies would salivate over. I'm not saying that this would work, but at least it's an attempt at an answer.

I would be willing to personally do the research to provide a viable solution. However, I'll need some help. Instead of wasting your time telling the school that you hate the food (don't we do that on a daily basis anyway?), help me find a solution. Instead of just complaining let's use those skills we've supposedly been developing in class and beat them at their own game.

Anybody interested in helping please call 359-7710. Don't just complain about the problem (thereby making it worse), let's work to solve it!

Aaron Gutierrez

Alumni defends art students

As a recent masters graduate of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, I am appalled at Dean Edmund Yarwood's high-handed acquisition of student study/work space in favor of outside contracts and large monetary sums.

Yarwood's move to oust art students Colbie Edwards, David Overstreet II and Takuya Uesegi from their studios in Monroe Hall and replace them with the contract research organization, Archeological and Historical Services (AHS) is clearly a financially-motivated, politically-maneuvered power grab which totally disregards both student educational needs and the university's decision-making procedures.

These students are in the midst of required art projects and cannot readily pick up those projects and relocate them. Telling them to do so is comparable to telling masters students to immediately vacate their library study carrels or telling computer users that the PUB computer lab would be converted to convention space. I doubt Yarwood would even consider either of these latter two moves. He has no problem, though, attempting to interfere with those art students' legitimate, education-oriented activities.

It seems Yarwood may be primarily interested in getting rid of what he considers "unsuitable, 'modern art'" and replacing it with "traditional" research which brings in high dollars for administrators and a few well-placed faculty. It seems Yarwood is less interested in education (the supposed business of Eastern Washington University) and more interested in the aggrandizement of an elite few. (Do we hear echoes of Marshall Drummond's attitude toward classified staff?)

What's more, Yarwood seems willing to use whatever means he can get away with to accomplish his goals including circumvention of university procedures. He totally disregards the university space committee, whose job it is to make these decisions, and incorporates Provost James Hoffman in a side-stepping of that committee. He further shows a total lack of professional courtesy by having failed to consult with faculty and administration in the Art Department.

Yarwood's actions and attitude's are capricious and high-handed at best and they show a complete disregard for education and for proper use of systems, organizations and procedures.

Yarwood needs to change his approach immediately or start looking for a job more suited to his arrogance.

David Trotter

...And Justice for All

Kathleen Warring
Columnist

I was at home. The baby was sleeping in her room, her bottles boiling on the stove. I'd just been offered a full-time job at fifteen dollars an hour. But the day's satisfaction was momentary. I heard my husband's car in the driveway and I cringed. What kind of mood would he be in tonight?

Months before I had been the most wonderful thing that had ever happened to him. And then, almost overnight, in his eyes I was fat, ugly, lazy, stupid and selfish.

Many think abuse is something that happens to someone else. I used to think so, until the day I found myself cringing at the sound of my husband's car in the driveway. Every day was a day of fear and uncertainty.

I was lucky. I got my daughter and myself out before tragedy struck.

But this tragedy strikes women everyday. Lip service against domestic violence has become popular and politically correct, but the crime itself refuses to disappear.

The O.J. Simpson trial brought the issue of domestic violence (among other things) into the spotlight. On Dateline last night, one juror remarked, "O.J. Simpson was not on trial for domestic violence." Yet murder is the ultimate form (and often the end consequence) of domestic violence, and Simpson should have faced conviction on criminal charges long before the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. Failure to prosecute perpetrators sends the message that no one cares about the victims, and that abusers can continue their abuse with impunity. A Spokane man recently assaulted his ex-wife, reportedly while screaming, "If O.J. can get away with it, so can I!"

The sad reality is that many women in the Spokane area (the EWU campuses included) face abuse everyday. It becomes a part of daily life, destroying the spirit as well as the body.

Society must stand against domestic violence. Race isn't even the issue. Abusing another human being is wrong for everyone, and everyone knows this. Yet abuse can still happen to anyone. Society and the judicial system must send a strong message to abusers, through immediate and decisive action, that violence is intolerable. Until that happens, tragedy will strike again and again. It may strike at you.

Class Conspiracy

To the Editor:

It seems that mean-spirited Republicans, the "religious right," and other trouble-making outsiders are always criticizing higher education and reducing its public funding. We say that because they do not understand the lofty motives and long-term public purpose of the academy, they falsely accuse the higher education system of inefficiency, sloth, and corruption. Perhaps they are right.

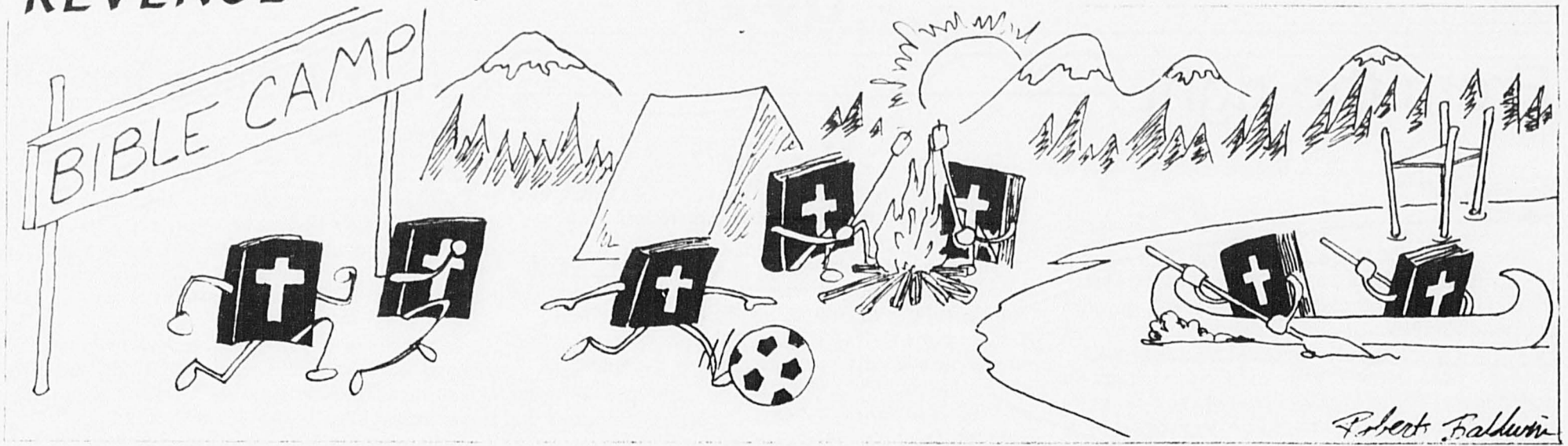
The silent conspiracy of students, faculty and administrators here in the promotion of Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday class configurations is a perfect example. Typically these classes meet twice a week for one hundred and thirty minutes to administer five credits, replacing the traditional five-day, fifty-minute organization. The justification is that this arrangement better serves the needs of EWU students. And in a way it does. It means I only have to show up twice a week for a class instead of five times. I suspect it makes a class less demanding for me, but I wonder if it makes for a better learning experience. I know it makes courses less demanding to teach for professors, but I wonder if it makes for a more productive instructional situation.

This scheduling arrangement benefits students, teachers and administrators by making their work easier, so everybody inside the institution goes along with it. But does it give fair service and value to the outsider taxpayers who support the teaching/learning function of the university?

Let's get serious and practice some of the critical thinking skills they teach here at Eastern. If these twice-a-week classes are really a sound idea, why aren't they scheduled on a more balanced, more rational Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday system? We know the answer to that. So do our critics.

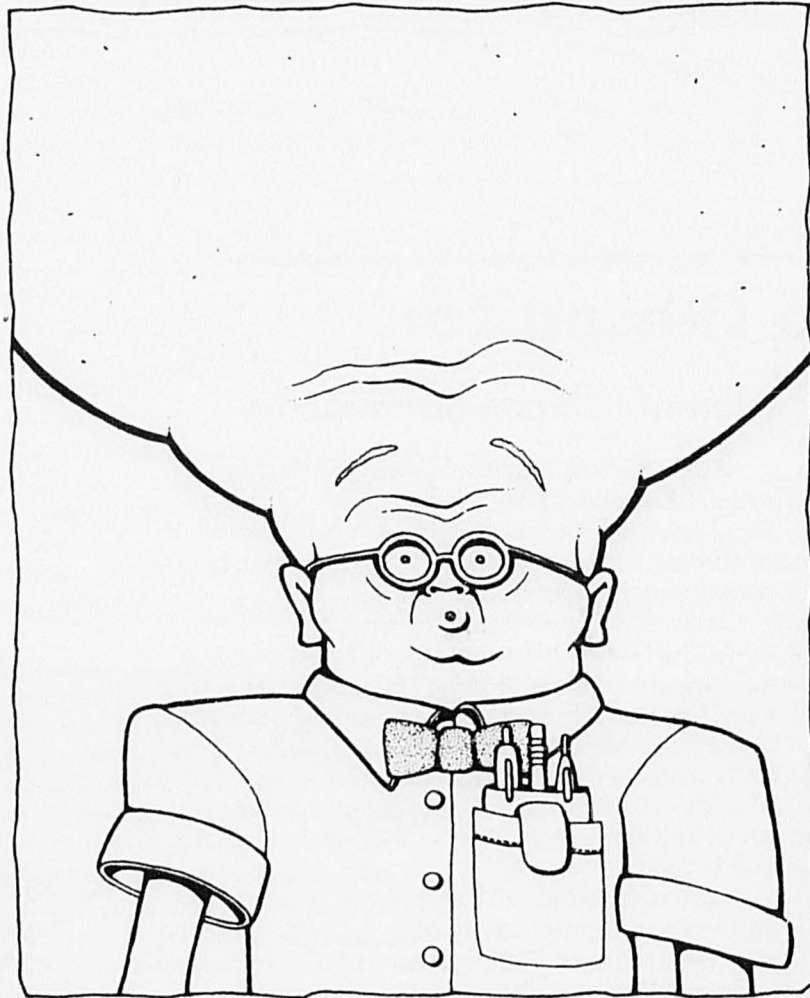
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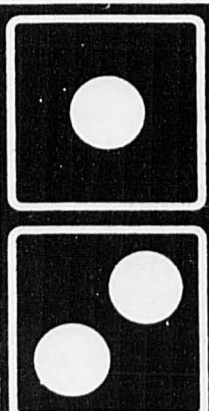
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